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Supervisor Bailey decides to pass on a third term

Last Friday, County Supervisor George Bailey made it official - he will not seek re-election in 1992.

"After 34 years of public service, it is time to step aside and give others an opportunity to serve," said the 72-year-old Bailey, who was elected to represent the East County supervisorial district (District 2) for his first term in 1984, and again in 1988.

Prior to serving as a county supervisor, Bailey served for four years as Mayor of La Mesa, for five terms on the La Mesa City Council and two terms on La Mesa's planning commission.

He was a founder of the East County Economic Development Council which promotes growth and redevelopment for all East County communities.

He has served as the president of SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments) and was appointed by former state Governor George Deukmejian to the state Air Resources Board.

While in office, he has worked to find funding for more jail facilities and initiated three lawsuits filed by the County of San Diego against the state to "bring back our fair share of tax dollars."

"There are many good programs which I have started during my tenure," he said. "I have a year of office still left, and I expect to keep rolling all of my efforts," he added.

Bailey is an alumnus of Grossmont High School and San Diego State University, and a veteran of both the Army and the Navy. His career has included 17 years at General Dynamics and ten years at Rohr Industries, specializing in management systems. He and his wife, Elaine, reside in La Mesa.

Bailey's former chief of staff, Dianne Jacob and Santee mayor, Jack Doyle, have announced their candidacies for Bailey's seat on the Board of Supervisors. Bailey, while not formally endorsing Jacob, has said that she is the most qualified person for the position.

Marchers show support for cross on Mt. Helix

Monday evening, hundreds of people trekked up Mt. Helix in a symbolic show of support for the cross which has become embroiled in a controversy, with a recent court ruling stating it must come down within 90 days.

"This was to make a statement that 'people power' will not let that cross come down, no matter what happens," said Dianne Jacob, candidate for the County Board of Supervisors and one of the organizers of the gathering of supporters who were instructed to bring candles and flashlights to 'light up' the cross.

"It was a great turnout, close to 1,000 very dedicated, committed members of the community," she added.

Several weeks ago, a court ruling was issued calling for the removal of the Mt. Helix cross and the Mt. Soledad cross in La Jolla within 90 days on the grounds that it was unconstitutional to have religious symbols on publicly-maintained land.

Following that decision, the Board of Supervisors voted to appeal the court decision as well as to vote in principle to deed the Mt. Helix cross as well as a small portion of land surrounding the cross to a private, non-profit organization.

Jacob stated that there is still some concern as to the fate of the cross because "it's not done until it's done," adding an appeal would not necessarily mean that a stay - which would keep the cross up until the appeal is heard - would be granted.

Also at the gathering were La Mesa City Councilman Barry Jantz and John Mead, president of the Grossmont-Mt./Helix Improvement Association, the non-profit group chosen to assume responsibility for maintenance of the cross should the county lose its appeal.

Happy New Year!

And

A special thank you to all our readers for making 1991 our best year - ever!



Carts covered with imitation snow and icicles and seasonal music help get shoppers at Grossmont Center in the mood for the holidays.

Getting into the spirit of the season

by Paul Treske

Christmas minus four . . . scenes from the mall: Saturday morning, an hour or so before noon and Grossmont Center still seems strangely uncrowded. Perhaps, in this year of financial hardship, it's a bit more difficult to warm up to the season. This is the final weekend and the rush and bustle seems to be missing. Oh, there are lots of people here and the crowd is growing by the minute . . . but they seem somewhat unhurried. Most seem to be wandering, without packages, as if waiting for something, maybe inspiration, to happen. A few are wearing red and white Santa hats, but, except for the decorations, the trees, poinsettias and mock icicles on the roofs of the boutique specialty carts and the piped Christmas carols, it seems like any other Saturday morning.

Once inside the old Buffum's store, which houses Santa and a model railroad wonderland, the spirit of the Yuletide is more evident. A line of parents and small children wait their turn for a few moments with Santa. With the line only moderate in length, Santa has a little more time for each child and ends his chat with a tiny gift for each. As usual, some greet the old white-bearded gent with smiles and comfort, some even reluctant to leave when it's time. Others are frightened and wail their reluctance while disappointed parents try to calm them and still capture something, a picture perhaps, from the visit.

The electric trains are a wonder, a large mountainous diorama with old-fashioned trains, resounding with crossing whistles, chugging up and down

the hills and through the miniature village. The children are fascinated with this and linger, following over and over the routes of these romantic-era trains.

Back on the central mall, it is nearly noon and the crowd has grown markedly, the pace is faster and more packages are in evidence in the arms of the shoppers. More children are in the crowd now and many seem to be tugging their parents in the direction of Santa. One is jostled here and there by swift-moving shoppers, and more Santa hats are dotted through the mall.

It's time to go now and the parking lot is full. Horns are shrilly honked at those too slow in leaving their parking spaces. It is hard to retain a feeling of warmth and of the season.

But then, there remains with one, the faces of the children: the little girl whose parents have just tied a balloon string to her wrist and who look up with smiling wonder at the dancing red treasure . . . the small blond boy climbing off Santa's lap, then turning back to give him a kiss . . . the solid little lad who watches the trains in awe as the man with him, probably grandpa, tells him stories of the days when trains like these ruled the land.

Sadly, some of the children seem to find no pleasure in any of this; too many of our children lose their innocence and spirit of wonder too early these days, but there are still many children who revel in the mysterious wonders of the season. And it is to those that we must look to recapture whatever we can of our earlier joys.

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year to all!!!

Grossmont Hospital parking garage opens

will be available in the center of the loop road in front of the hospital.

The garage also is adjacent to the Grossmont Rehabilitation Center, which is located immediately to the left of the hospital's main entrance. Special permit parking will be available for the physical therapy patients who frequently come to the hospital for therapy.

In addition, there are 12 new parking spaces for
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The garage is located adjacent to the hospital's main entrance. Additional surface parking spaces

Mt. Miguel *El Trovador* News Briefs

Mount Miguel High School is in first place for the Grossmont Union High School District clean campus award after the first rating period. El Cajon Valley High School is in a close second place.

The following Mount Miguel clubs have made generous financial commitment towards the Mount Miguel Marching Band's new uniforms: C.S.F. (California Scholarship Federation), Human Relations Club, Photo Club and Upward Bound. These uniforms will be used on the trip to Barcelona, Spain, in February, when the Marching Matadors will participate in the Olympic Parade.

Math teacher, Mike Johnson, was selected and has accepted the position as Mount Miguel High School's Technology Site Coordinator.

Mount Miguel's Honors World History Trip, supervised by Amando Cunanan, has had their annual field trip to San Simeon approved for March 5th and 6th.

The S.A.A.C. Form (Student Aid Application for California) is available in the Career Center at Mount Miguel. Seniors are not to mail the application before January 1, 1992.

Mount Miguel's Choir Director, Mrs. Dyanne Riley, will be leaving the Mount Miguel Staff in December to join her family in Utah. Staff members said goodbye at the Christmas luncheon held December 20th.

Mount Miguel instrumental students, Ryan Beard, Jason Sieckman and Frank Velarde have been selected to the "All-Southern California" Honor Band and Orchestra.

Mount Miguel students William West and Ruben Gabbert received High Honors for the Golden State Exams in Geometry. Marlon Abano, James Almon, Heidi Badger, Kevin Foster, Barbara Henson, Jonathan Simmons, and Trevor Summers received Honors. Reynaldo Acacio, Lawrence Bata, Jon Brooks, Jason Burke, Jeremy Devine, Dusan Gvozdenovic, Erica Long, Daniel Munch, Veronica Saucedo, and Katherine Shea got School Recognition.

Jason Jablow received Honors for the Golden State Exams in U.S. History. Amy Alvarado, Lafitte Banville, Jaime De La Crux, Michael Drake, David Fernandez, Chris Green, and Dennis Henry received School Recognition.

The Varsity Boys Basketball team defeated Poway 61-54 on December 7th, lost to Morse December 9th, 82-51, but conquered University City 86-77 on December 10th. They faced El Cajon on December 20th and will participate in a Christmas tournament over the holidays.

The ASB Canned Food Drive gained momentum the final week of school and finished successfully. The class which collected the most cans for the needy will be treated to a pizza party with a special cake prepared by Lenore Wade.

Mount Miguel's Varsity Wrestling Team defeated El Cajon Valley on Thursday, December 19 by a score of 58-6. They face El Capitan today at Mount Miguel.

Students interested in a part-time job and receiving school credit should see Mrs. Morland in Room 118 after school or contact their counselor. They must be 16 years or older.

The next SAT tests offered to Juniors and Seniors will be January 25. Regular deadline to submit forms was December 20th.

Grossmont Hospital garage opens

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the legally handicapped in the surface parking in the front loop area. Physician parking also will be provided in the garage to provide close and available parking for doctors who must get to patients in an emergency or critical situation.

During the structure's construction, the hospital temporarily provided free valet parking and a shuttle service; both have now been discontinued since the garage opening.

Obituary

Dr. Gerard Jackson

Dr. Gerard Jackson of Lemon Grove died last week of brain cancer in the California Special Care Center, La Mesa. He was 73.

Dr. Jackson, a chiropractor, settled in Lemon Grove in 1948. He practiced in North Park from 1948 until his retirement in 1988.

He was born on the coast of France to a career Navy man stationed there. With, his family, he came to San Diego shortly after World War I and graduated from San Diego High School in 1936. He married his childhood sweetheart, Eileen Dedrick, in 1939.

He then joined the Army Air Corps and served in Europe as a gunner on B-17 bombers.

He was diagnosed last May as suffering from brain cancer.

Dr. Jackson is survived by his wife, Eileen; two daughters, Geraldine Jordan of El Cajon and Linda Greeson of Spring Valley, and six grandchildren.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church, Lemon Grove, with burial at Greenwood Memorial Park.



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WEATHER

The following information was provided by the Lemon Grove Fire Department:

High	Low
December 15	77
December 16	78
December 17	61
December 18	63
December 19	59
December 20	71
December 21	70

Precipitation this year to date is 1.98," while for the last year to date the precipitation was 1.91 (From 7/1).

CHP to ticket good drivers

During this year's holiday season, safe and courteous drives from throughout California should be on the lookout for blinking red lights - atop black and white CHP patrol cars.

In a program expanded statewide for the first time this year, CHP officers between Dec. 16 and New Year's Eve will be pulling over and rewarding drivers who they observe doing something "right."

The lucky 100 motorists singled out by the CHP will receive good driver citations, a brass medallion key chain and a \$25 Sears gift certificate.

Sponsoring this year's Safe and Courteous Driver Campaign are the Association of California Insurance Companies, the California Highway Patrol, Drive Smart Alliance, the Safety Center, Inc., and Allstate Insurance Company, which is donating the \$25 gift certificate.

"I believe this is a program our officers now look forward to," says CHP Commissioner M. L. Hannigan. "They spend 11 months issuing citations to traffic violators. This program enables them to make a direct, positive statement on behalf of traffic safety. It gives the holiday season yet another positive dimension and encourages motorists to drive courteously and safely."

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Lemon Grove Fire Log

December 13, 1991 through December 19, 1991

7400 blk Central Ave. Fall.
1500 blk. Skyline Dr. Person down.
Golden Ave./Lemon Grove. Traffic accident.
7000 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Unknown medical.
7500 Pacific Ave. Single-engine response.
2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Fall.
Hwy. 94/Massachusetts Ave. Freeway/accident/rescue.
8200 blk. Vernier St. Difficulty breathing.
8400 blk. Broadway. Assault victim.
2000 blk. Skyline Dr. Difficulty breathing.
7700 blk. Broadway. Person down.
3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Assault victim.
Pacific and Olive. Vehicle fire.
7400 Broadway. Unconscious.
Lemon Grove Way/Grove St. Rescue.
1300 blk. Skyline Dr. Person down.
3200 blk. Citrus St. Cancer patient.
8200 blk. Lincoln St. Difficulty breathing.
3200 blk. College Pl. Difficulty breathing.
8200 blk. Blossom Hill Ct. Seizure.
8400 blk. Broadway. Assault victim.
7000 blk. San Miguel Ave. Vegetation fire.
Broadway/Kempf St. Person down.
2100 blk. Ensenada St. Difficulty breathing.
2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Unknown medical.
8000 blk. Palm Ave. Unresponsive.
2000 blk. Skyline Dr. Medical aid.
2200 blk. Cypress Ave. Traffic accident.
7800 blk. Golden Ave. Person down.
7400 blk. Tweed St. Single-engine response.
1700 blk. Dupont Dr. Difficulty breathing.
3200 blk. College Pl. Difficulty breathing.
2700 blk. Corona St. Fall.
Lemon Grove Ave./Lester Ave. Traffic accident.
Washington St./Palm Ave. Traffic accident.
Golden Ave./Kempf St. Person down.
2200 blk. El Prado Ave. Single-engine response.
Hwy. 94/Massachusetts Ave. Traffic accident.
7000 blk. Broadway. Auto vs. bicycle.
Hwy. 94/Massachusetts Ave. Freeway/accident/rescue.
7900 blk. Palm Ave. Fall.
8200 blk. Roy St. Difficulty breathing.
Washington St./Lemon Grove Way. Vehicle accident.
7200 blk. San Miguel Ave. Traffic accident.

Sheriff's Dept. Log

November 25, 1991 through December 3, 1991

7000 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Commercial burglary - grinder, polisher, reamers - valued at \$1,262.
3200 blk. College Pl. Residential burglary - TV, 2 VCRs and remote - valued at \$750.
1600 blk. San Altos Pl. Residential burglary - VCR, cameras, coins, clothing, cassette deck - valued at \$1,672.
2800 blk. Citronella St. Residential burglary - 3 cameras, wine case, jewelry, checks, bayonet - valued at \$640.
7700 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary - rings - valued at \$750.
7600 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary - cash - valued at \$305.
8100 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary - engravers, fax, shredder, computer - valued at \$17,060.
8000 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary - tools, cash - valued at \$1,500.
7500 blk. Davidson Ave. Residential burglary - VCR, shotgun - valued at \$700.
7600 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Residential burglary - Unknown.

December 4, 1991

3200 blk. Citrus St. Residential burglary - bucket seats, bench seat - valued at \$1,000.

7500 blk. Church St. Residential burglary - bicycle - valued at \$120.

December 5, 1991

7000 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary - fillet mignon and shrimp - valued at \$38.

December 7, 1991

2600 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Cash register, cash - valued at \$920. Broadway/Corona. Robbery - bicycle - valued at \$600.
8200 blk. Golden Ave. Residential burglary - TV, stereo, microwave, sewing machine - valued at \$4,275.

December 10, 1991

8000 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Residential burglary - tool boxes and tools - valued at \$1,710.

December 14, 1991

7900 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary - ring - valued at \$30.

December 17, 1991

Lemon Grove Ave. Robbery - \$616.

6900 blk. Daventry St. T.V., VCR - valued at \$980.

**Start the New Year off right!
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B-words Personal comments of Councilman Bob Burns

Christmas wishes

Well, I didn't get all of the things I wanted for Christmas. I really have never been one to complain in this fashion, but for once I am going to voice my displeasure with Santa even though you may think me ungrateful. I did get a new electric razor and a white Ranger truck which is probably more than I have ever received in my many Christmases over the years. Why should I not be deliriously happy and profoundly satisfied then, you may ask? Well, let me tell you what I really wanted this year and then I hope you won't judge me too harshly.

First off, I did not get a guarantee that the Home Depot project will be a future item to benefit all of us here in Lemon Grove. While the plans and negotiations are progressing and the meetings are labeled as "good," the fat lady hasn't sung as yet. This means so much to the economic well-being of our city in sales tax, in employment opportunities, and in the many people that will be attracted to our community to eat, shop, and enjoy our friendly ambiance. Not meaning to take anything away from San Diego, but this new location promises to be vastly better than the present University Avenue address. The store will be larger, the parking better arranged and with more capacity, and the invaluable freeway exposure that our entire business district bene-

fits from is most desired by the Home Depot chain of stores.

Secondly, I asked for a new car dealership to replace the Lee White vacant lots down on Federal Blvd. With Corral Ford moving to the Camperland property on College at the freeway, another top line of automobiles just has to occupy the now vacant Toyota property. Here again, the freeway exposure is ideal, and it is inconceivable to me that another dealership will not enjoy that tried and true location. Then we may truly have a start on our, what should we call it . . . "Quarter Mile of Cars?" Auto dealerships always provide the highest sales tax totals for a city, and would well fill the many, crying needs of our town.

Then there is the request for a crime-free city, that I whispered into Santa's ear. We have an excellent start with our new Sheriff Jim Roache, and our Police Chief Lynne Ziegler, but we need more. Money can buy more officers, more SWAT teams, more communication and I.D. equipment, but there is yet something more. I guess that what I really want is that intangible something that the Christmas season is all about, "Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward men." I am sure that Santa referred my request to a Higher Source and possibly I am being impatient, and it will be forthcoming. The Golden Rule is the answer, but it takes a real desire on the part of men and women to make it work. Maybe if

the sense of responsibility for one's actions, and the enlightenment of the human heart in respect for one another could somehow become an epidemic to sweep the world, we would not have to be building more prisons or devising new punishments.

Also, I asked for an end to the economic crunch that we are all "hoping will go away if we don't talk about it." It is a basic request that will automatically eliminate the shortfalls that are pinching budgets, and causing actual pain in things like the Arts funding, recreation programs that are being cut, library closures, and staff cutbacks. We are constantly criticized for not doing enough about the "homeless," or the "gangs," or the "illegals," and these all require funds, of which there are not enough.

Lastly, I implored Saint Nick to brainwash every human being and eliminate all conflict, prejudice, jealousy, envy, and rancor where religion, or lack of it, is concerned. Beliefs should be private affairs and no one should care or be concerned about another person's preferences. This really should be a simple task, but seemingly it is the most impossible. I wonder why?

So, clean shaven and proud of my new truck, I must say that I am not ungrateful, but it would have been a perfect Christmas had we heard the fat lady sing on all of the rest. God Bless . . .

If you have questions or suggestions for Dr. Burns, send them to P.O. Box BB, Lemon Grove, CA 91946

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

The lead article of Thursday, Dec. 5, 1991's Lemon Grove Review had a very misleading headline: "Concerned Blossom Lane Residents Find Agenda A Stumbling Block - Despite a Sympathetic Ear." Blossom Lane residents did find a stumbling block - not necessarily the agenda - and did not find a sympathetic ear.

Those in attendance will remember that the meeting started late. Could it have been because Mayor Dorman was shocked by the number of people in attendance and was seeking a way to put off addressing their concerns? One would think that he decided that he wasn't going to talk to these people.

Mayor Dorman's attitude was anything but sympathetic. He immediately sought to belittle the concerned Blossom Lane residents by pointing out the inaccuracies on their flyer. He then invoked the Brown Act and proceeded to evade any and all questions like a seasoned matador fighting a rookie bull.

Although the concerned Blossom Lane residents (CBLRs) may not be well-schooled in the rules of the Lemon Grove City Council, they are a neighborhood group to be reckoned with. Those 30-40 people at the meeting had less than a week to get organized and in that time had met with a councilman, canvassed the neighborhood and written government officials. Prior to that, CBLRs had met with CalTrans and were not told that the Blossom Lane corridor would result in the fewest number of lost houses. In fact, several other quality-of-life factors will figure into the decision:

1. The Ildica-Blossom Lane corridor was never meant to be the sole access road from 125. It was meant to be one of three. A look at Troy/Palm and Jamacha would show that either of these roads is more suitable to be a single-access road.
2. Children from three schools use the Ildica-Blossom Lane corridor. There are several streets without sidewalks already, and this road would make the walk even more perilous.
3. Mt. Miguel High School would put dozens of inexperienced drivers on this road.
4. The road would feed into a three-way stop on Skyline, less than 200 yards from a four-way stop. The proximity of these two intersections would create a massive traffic jam.

As you can see, we are concerned with more than just declining property values in our area.

Readers would be better served by more accurate wording of headlines in your newspaper - we rely on you to report accurately how well our council members are serving us.

Sincerely,
Curtis E. Spiller
Blossom Lane

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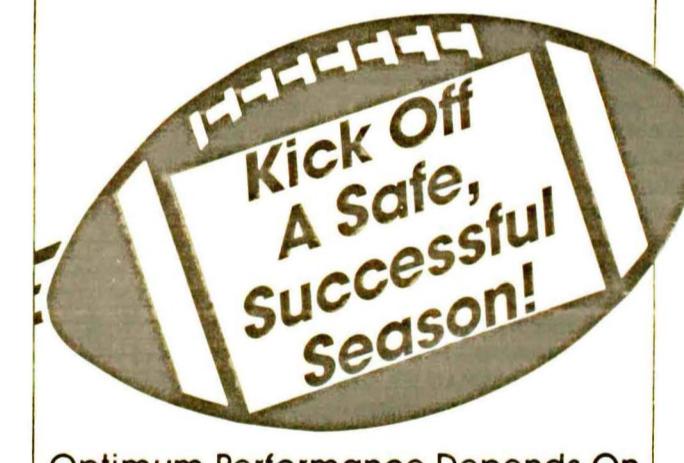


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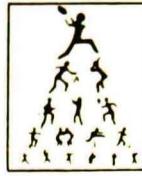


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Commentary

by Paul Treske

Everything we see, read and hear, and everyone we talk to tells us that this is a really "down" Christmas. The litany is familiar enough: people are losing their jobs at a frightening rate and those who have jobs are nursing every nickel in the event that they're next. The numbers of homeless are growing daily and their average age is getting younger and younger. Thousands have exhausted their unemployment eligibility and are only a step away from true poverty. This, then, is Christmas '91, a holiday even the Grinch would disdain to steal.

Which brings us to the children. Despite the deep base of Christian belief which undergirds the holiday, its outer manifestations these days are heavily geared toward children. The lighted trees, the Santas, the reindeer and the presents under the tree are all primarily for the delight of the children or the child in each adult. And it is the tragic state of the world's children at this Christmas '91 that cannot be covered up by all of our tinsel and colored wrapping paper.

In the third world, especially in Africa, thousands of children are dying of disease and starvation each day, and there is, as yet, no light at the end of the tunnel. All of the food and medicine sent to these countries does not appear to make the slightest inroad into the growing horror of famine and disease.

Here, in the supposedly richest nation on earth, the number of children falling below the poverty line is growing with each new wave of unemployment. The nation's health care, especially that of its less than privileged children, is a disgrace. We find ourselves the only industrialized western country

Christmas '91

without a national health plan that adequately takes care of its children. Statistics we read daily (if we care to) tell us bluntly that a host of American children go to bed hungry each night. Meanwhile, nationally and in California, programs intended to feed and clothe these children are being increasingly underfunded and, in some cases, threatened with termination. The charitable shelters and "toys for Christmas" programs are well-meaning and kindly but they only put a momentary "smiley face" on the ugly visage of poverty.

Even the education of our children is being threatened today by lack of money. In many schools, the so-called "frills" of art, music and drama have been removed from curriculum leaving the schools drabber places within which to learn.

Charles Dickens, 150 years ago, struck the very heart of his "Christmas Carol" message, when the Ghost of Christmas Present, after leading Scrooge through the depths of London's squalor, reveals two "wretched, abject, frightful, hideous, miserable" children clinging to him in the folds of his robe. When Scrooge asks the spirit if they are his, the spirit replies, "They are man's . . . This boy is Ignorance. This girl is Want. Beware of them both."

If we are unable to make a safe world for our children now, we doom them to an eternity of barren Christmases. When the lights on the trees are bright enough, the carols loud enough and the gift wrapping colorful enough, we may be able to forget these children for a while and wish each other a "happy holiday." But they will not go away and we must try to do something to give their lives more promise, before too many Christmases go by.

A Christmas wish list for you

This is so embarrassing.

I mean, it isn't as if I didn't have every intention of picking up a Christmas present for you. You were right there at the top of my list. OK, OK - you were toward the top. At least, I'm reasonably sure you were on the he list. Heaven knows I've thought about you often enough during the year.

But now the Big Day is upon us and my leather checkbook is lathered up and gasping for air. It's been so long since I've had anything green in my wallet that it gets the shakes every time we walk past a salad bar.

Still, I've been thinking. If it's really true that "it's the thought that counts," maybe you'll be just as pleased to find out what I've been thinking about getting you. That way I can stay within the charred remains of my holiday budget and I won't have to burden an already overburdened postal system with more packages. And you'll only have to think about writing a "Thank you" note in return.

The first thing I wanted to get you was some Peace of Mind, but do you have any idea how hard that is to find these days? I looked in all the usual places - you know, Position, Power, Wealth, Status, Fame, Greed and Stuff Like That - and I couldn't find it anywhere. It occurred to me that maybe it's something you're going to need to find on your own. I'd suggest a good, hard look at Personal Integrity, for starters. If you can't find it there, try Honesty, Loyalty and Self Control. And if you haven't yet made room for God in your life, this might be a good time to discover the Peace of Mind He offers.

Then I was thinking about going south of the border to get a good deal on some of their Buena Suerte - you know, Good Luck. But they've got a new import tax on that these days so it's almost impossible to bring it in from someplace else. You've pretty much got to make it for yourself.

I know, I know - a lot of people think you're supposed to just sit around and wait for Luck to find you. But you and I both know what a waste of time that can be when there are ways to help it along. You remember the recipe, don't you? You take a pinch of Talent, a dash of Opportunity, a splash of Experience and sprinkle of Creativity and you mix it all together with 197 gallons of Hard Work and voilà! Luck happens!

The next thing on my list of gifts I've been thinking about sending you is Success. But I wasn't sure what size to get. I mean, it's not exactly an easy thing to measure, you know? Do you require an extra large, complete with mansions, limousines and a jet set lifestyle? Or would you prefer something

by Joseph Walker

more modest, say a medium, with its three bedroom ramblers, station wagons and occasional vacations?

Of course, that assumes you're going to choose the traditional Success package with its attendant angst, frustration and rat-race mentality. You may wish to go in a different direction to find the kind of Success that best suits you and is most fulfilling. I'd recommend the "No other success can compensate for failure in the home" line. It costs a lot in terms of work, consistency and an enormous amount of love. But the results can be incredibly satisfying.

And finally, I was thinking about getting you a big bag of Happiness - not the fleeting kind of pleasure that makes you happy-for-now, but the Real Thing: whole-souled, tragedy-defying and joyful. But everyone says you can't buy that, so I guess you're going to be on your own for this one, too. I can't tell you for sure where you're going to be able to find that kind of Happiness. But I can tell you a few places where you don't find it. Like a bar, for example. Or a casino. And you don't find it in a syringe, a new car, a larger paycheck, a romantic interlude, a significant honor, an elaborate menu, a pack of cigarettes or even - believe it or not - a box of chocolates.

In fact, it has been my experience that Real Happiness isn't something we can find; it finds us, and is more a consequence of choices than a choice in itself. But I know it has something to do with those other three gifts - and a lot to do with Love.

Which, come to think of it, is something else I've been thinking about sending you. As with all of my other gifts for you this Christmas, however, that's something you'd best find on your own. But I do wish you Success in finding it.

Not to mention Good Luck, Happiness and Peace of Mind, as well. Merry Christmas!

(Joseph Walker is a bishop in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.)

Auto registration and license fees increase January 1

The basic registration fee for all vehicles will be raised \$5 on Jan. 1, 1992, to \$27. It is the first increase in California's registration fee since 1981.

The new law also calls for DMV to increase the driver license fee to \$12, an increase of \$2. An estimated \$73.3 million is expected to be raised by the increase during the second half of the 1991-92 fiscal year. The fees are deposited in the Motor Vehicle Account in California Transportation Fund.

From Where I Sit

What is Christmas?

by Frank Andrews

Have we almost lost the true meaning of Christmas? Santa Claus and his commercial realm have almost taken over completely. The "Nativity Scene" has been banned from public facilities. Crosses are being removed from mountain tops. Prayers are forbidden in public schools. What next?

Did you know that Christmas means the birthday of the little Christ child over 2000 years ago? We are supposed to celebrate His birth on the 25th of December each year. Do you realize what the birth of this Man has meant to all mankind? The Man that was tortured and then sacrificed His life for all people then, now, and forever. He was responsible for the writing of the Bible, a book that has outsold all the best sellers in history put together. A Man whose name has been mentioned daily by the world's population ever since His crucifixion.

Why is it that all the modern-day Christmas scenes depict pine trees, snow, and reindeer? Don't we know that the place where the Christ child was born is just an oasis in the desert with palm trees, sand, and camels?

They have set aside holidays for presidents, veterans, flags, and even trees. Christ's birthday has been taken over by a fat, bearded, red-nosed guy with aliases such as Kris Kringle or St. Nick, whoever he is.

Christmas has become a time to remember our friends and family with lavish, expensive gifts, some even unwanted. Why do we have to wait to this one day to "love thy neighbor"? Love them today! If the people in your neighborhood, the country, and the world would practice the true "love thy neighbor" policy, there would be no racial problems and wars.

Can you remember the last time you took time out to help someone without any thoughts of being repaid? If you can, didn't it make you feel good inside? What a wonderful, fruitful habit to get into.

God, like the Hallmark ad, cared enough to send his very best - Jesus Christ, his only begotten son.

Letter to the editor

Privatization of cross should be last resort

Dear Editor:

Having talked to literally hundreds of people about the issue since 1988, I have no doubt that upwards of ninety percent of San Diego's citizens support our Mt. Helix and Mt. Soledad landmarks, and support them being on public property.

Of course, Howard Kresner and his small band of atheists claim that the constitution does not provide for a popularity contest in matters of this sort. Judge Gordon Thompson Jr. must also have known on which side the public sentiment would be, yet felt compelled to protect the rights of the minority, as he viewed those rights.

In his 1967 book, "Religion in a Free Society," self-described secularist Sidney Hook denounced those who consistently look to the courts for the answers to church/state conflicts rather, he wrote, "than to the outcome of the democratic process in their local and state communities. . . . I believe this is a shortsighted strategy. It puts its faith in the wrong place - in the uncertainties of judicial appointment and the vagaries of judicial reasoning . . . prejudices the growth of rational sentiments in the community on which in the long run a healthy democratic society must rely."

Many view Hook's reasoning as something that could weaken the constitution; who knows if it could ever get a fair hearing. In the meantime, the huge majority of us that support symbols of our history and cultural heritage on public land have no choice but to use the system to appeal the attacks against us. After all, the atheists are currently using the system.

Privatization of the land on which the crosses stand should be a last resort, and only if the appeal process does not work. By being privately owned, the crosses would be saved, but it would also be "admitting" that they do not belong on public land. Many believe the Supreme Court would find these symbols constitutional for a simple reason. By viewing them, no one is coerced into believing anything they would rather not, therefore the landmarks do not constitute "an establishment of religion," as clearly stated in the First Amendment to the constitution.

Barry Jantz
Councilmember, City of La Mesa

Blood Bank seeks donors

The San Diego Blood Bank's supplies declined dramatically during the past weekend when a 17-year old from San Carlos was stabbed while walking in Hillcrest. More than 250 units of blood were issued by the San Diego Blood Bank in an effort to save the teenager.

As a result, blood supplies in type "O" are particularly low. All of the other blood types are declining rapidly since the number of donations being made this holiday season is about 2,000 pints below last December.

Blood donors of all types are encouraged to make a special effort to give blood before New Year's at the San Diego Blood Bank, 440 Upas Street, San Diego (296-6393) or East County Donor Center, 680 Fletcher Parkway, #100, El Cajon (441-1804).

Wild Animal Park celebrates with annual 'Festival of Lights'

Up go the switches, and on go more than 100,000 bulbs, illuminating the Wild Animal Park's fourth annual Festival of Lights. The biggest and best of the Wild Animal Park's family programs, this year's Festival includes crafts, carolers, visits with Santa, puppet shows, storytelling, live animal shows, snow (for climbing and sliding), and more.

This magical holiday event offers fun for everyone. Children can transform into a holiday zebra at the face-painting booth and pose for a keepsake photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Nighttime monorail rides provide guests a peek at the unique nocturnal behaviors of the park's wild inhabitants. At craft booths, youngsters can apply their artistic talents to the creation of endangered animal gift cards, giraffe tree ornaments, baby bear bags to carry all one's goodies, and more.

Fresh snow will fall - with a little help from a snow machine, in case Nature doesn't cooperate - in a special supervised area where children can slide, make snowmen and have good, cold fun.

A large wooden ark, surrounded by large wooden animals, will be decorated by children with candies and gingerbread squares.

There'll be holiday carol sing-alongs in the Village Amphitheater, and children will be entertained by puppeteers and storytellers presenting animal-related tales written especially for this event. There will be decorated pine trees wherever one looks, along with the glow of 100,000 lights strung

through the trees, atop the buildings, and around unique animal-shaped silhouettes. Close encounters with special Park critters and birds are in store for guests as well.

The joy of giving, so much a part of the holidays, will be celebrated in two ways at the Festival of Lights. Guests are encouraged to bring canned food to the event for distribution to needy area families. Wrapped toys will be collected and passed along in similar fashion - gift-givers should label the gift as suitable for a boy or a girl, and the recommended age of the recipient.

A holiday menu, featuring hot soups and traditional holiday beverages, will be served. A special children's boxed dinner with a toy will also be available for purchase. The Bazaar gift shop will be filled with holiday gift items.

The Festival of Lights runs nightly through Jan. 5, except Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Special reduced admission prices - \$5.95 for adults, \$2.50 for children 3-15 will be in effect between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. each day. Visitors are welcome to enjoy the festivities until 9 p.m. Those visiting the Wild Animal Park during its normal operating hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., are welcome to remain for the Festival at no extra charge. Everyone should dress warmly, especially if they plan to play in the snow or venture forth on a nighttime monorail ride.

For more information, call the Wild Animal Park's event hotline, 747-8702, extension 5140.

Cuyamaca offers paralegal program

Starting this spring, Cuyamaca College will offer degree and certificate programs in Paralegal Studies. At only \$6 per unit, this will give students the chance to gain extensive paralegal training without paying the high tuition usually associated with similar study at a private vocational school.

The program may be taken in the traditional semester format or through Cuyamaca's innovative Weekend College, which enables students to earn college credits in an accelerated course-a-month format on the weekends. Study also includes internship opportunities, unlike some competing paralegal programs.

The paralegal curriculum is developed and regularly reviewed by an advisory committee made up of leaders from within the legal community including

judges, attorneys, and practicing paralegals. Instructors are well-qualified in specific fields and have a wealth of practical knowledge and skill to share with their students. Training includes learning to draft legal documents, interview clients or witnesses, perform research, edit, process trial information, and prepare correspondence. Students will receive job placement assistance, although many already working in nonprofessional legal positions or as legal technicians will find the program a helpful means of job advancement.

Application deadline for the Cuyamaca College spring semester is Jan. 17. Classes begin January 22. For more information on Paralegal Studies at Cuyamaca College, contact Paralegal Studies Coordinator Lou Hansotte at 670-1980, ext. 217.

Foresters donate to San Diego Hospice

The Independent Order of Foresters, one of the world's oldest and largest not-for-profit, non-sectarian family fraternal benefit societies, with many members in the East County area recently presented a check to the San Diego Hospice for \$800.

Shown at right during the presentation are (from left) Spring Valley Forester member Peter Gilbert, Chief Ranger Elaine Worley, Forester public relations person Robert Fisher and Holly Lorenston, president of San Diego Hospice.

The donation will be used to purchase patient-care equipment.



Women's Health Center at Grossmont Hospital offers help in the new year to women struggling with unresolved emotional issues.

Many women are less effective in their personal relationships or their jobs because they have unresolved emotional issues in their lives. Perhaps they are depressed, suffering from anxiety, co-dependent or dissatisfied with their relationships. Small groups of women, led by a female professional therapist, meet for a series of weekly meeting in the Women's Health Center at Grossmont Hospital.

Different from a support group, the Grossmont Women's Therapy Group is a process group. That means it is an outcome-oriented group led by a professional therapist who directs the group toward

making change. During these meetings, women learn the tools they need to use to help them cope and make positive changes in their lives.

Issues such as low self-esteem, relationship programs and role-conflicts are addressed in a safe and confidential manner. Participants are provided with the opportunity for professionally guided resolution and self-development.

All aspects of the Grossmont Women's Therapy Group are completely confidential.

New groups are starting throughout the first week in February. For information, call 589-4800.

Helping yourself and others, too!



Here are just a few of the area residents who enjoyed breakfast at the Lemon Grove Sheriff's Station - all for a good cause. Thanks to the hard work of the hosts, donations from companies in the community and over 500 residents came to eat, over \$1,700 was raised to make Christmas better for a number of less-fortunate families.

In the Service

Air Force Staff Sgt. Ward A. Hanning, has been named Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for the 366th Wing.

Hanning is an air traffic control technician at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

He is the son of Walter K. and Ilse E. Hanning of Lemon Grove.

The sergeant is a 1981 graduate of Mount Miguel High School, and a 1986 graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Grossmont College Workshop raising funds for 'The Mikado'

The Grossmont College Opera Workshop will sponsor a fund raiser on Jan. 4 and 5 at Kobey's Swap Meet at the Sports Arena to benefit the Workshop's production of "The Mikado."

The event, a sale, will offer costumes, props, set pieces, art works donated by Maybelle Smith and more.

Kobey's Swap Meet, the largest in San Diego, is hosting the event as an ongoing effort to help community organizations to raise needed funds.

The Swap Meet is located at the San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Blvd.

For more information, call Vicky Gunter at 588-1051.

Flu vaccine blamed for blood donors' false test results

The San Diego Blood Bank has reported that some blood donors who have recently been inoculated with the flu vaccine have been testing positive for two or three of the viral screening tests performed on all blood donations. Further testing has shown these reactions to be false, meaning that the donors do not have these viruses. This phenomenon has occurred at blood centers throughout the United States.

The reactions appear to be connected to the flu vaccine, although the exact reason for the reaction is not clear.

"It is important to note that these false positive reactions pose no health threat to the donor or to the blood supply," said Rebecca Fleck, M.D., assistant medical director of the San Diego Blood Bank.

Federal law requires that a blood donor be permanently deferred if there is a positive reaction to the initial viral screening tests for Hepatitis C, HTLV-1 (a rare form of adult leukemia) or HIV.

Women's group continues at Foothills Methodist Church

Women at the Well continues its excellent programs on Jan. 6 with "A Time to Organize." Women at the Well is for all women. It is your opportunity of developing and strengthening friendships while enriching your own spiritual growth.

The speaker is Leeya Thompson, owner of the business, "Bringing Order Out of K-OZ." With the pace of today's world and the demands placed upon us to produce, we can't afford to not manage our time and have order in our space. A clutter-free home or office is a tremendous adjunct to a successful life. Come and learn valuable tips for starting your new year off right.

Cost of the catered dinner is \$7. You may make checks out to Foothills United Methodist Church. If childcare is needed, please indicate so when you make your reservations. Reservations are to be in by the last day of 1991. Well wishing begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner promptly served at 6:30 p.m.

Women at the Well is held each month at Foothills United Methodist Church, 4031 Avocado Blvd., La Mesa.

Lemon Grove student honored at New Mexico military institute

Matthew D. Morales, a college sophomore at New Mexico Military Institute, was named Distinguished Old Cadet in his troop for the month of December. Morales is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Morales of Lemon Grove.

To qualify for the Distinguished Old Cadet award, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 and at least a B in deport-

ment. He or she must have attended NMMI at least two semesters, be recommended by his or her troop commander, set an outstanding example for other members of the troops, and participate in extracurricular troop activities.

Celebrating its Centennial year, NMMI is an accredited four-year, state-supported high school and two-year junior college with an enrollment of about 920.



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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. 56395

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Wednesday, 01/08/1992, at 1:00 P.M. of said day, at THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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in the City of SAN DIEGO, County of SAN DIEGO, State of California: RESS FINANCIAL CORPORATION as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust executed by

HOUSTON T. GRAYSON

Recorded 05/22/1990, in Book of Official Records of said County, at page , Recorder's Instrument No. 90-278495, by reason of a breach or default in payment or performance of the obligations secured thereby, including that breach or default, Notice of which was recorded 08/26/1991, as Recorder's Instrument No. 91-0435908, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, lawful money of the United States, evidenced by a Cashier's Check drawn on a state or national bank, or the equivalent thereof drawn on any other financial institution specified in section 5102 of the California Financial Code, authorized to do business in the State of California, ALL PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF SALE, all right title and interest held by it as Trustee, in that real property situate in said County and State described as follows:

LOT 388 OF SAN ALTOS TERRACE UNIT NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO MAP THEREOF NO. 3820, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, FEBRUARY 25, 1958.

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BENEFICIARY: THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, TRUSTEE BY TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES, SERVICER 619-670-0598

The undersigned disclaims all liability for any incorrectness in said street address or other common designation:

Said sale will be made without warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession, or other encumbrances, to satisfy the unpaid obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest and other sums as provided therein, plus advances, if any, thereunder and interest thereon, and plus fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of said obligations at the time of initial publication of this Notice is \$70,316.40.

Dated: 11/27/1991

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By: ANN REVERE

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BERTHA B. BRUNER

Case Number: 156078

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of: BERTHA B. BRUNER

A PETITION has been filed by FRANCES B. STRAHAN in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO.

THE PETITION requests that FRANCES B. STRAHAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on JAN 6, 1992 at 1:45 p.m. in Dept. F-5, located at 1501-55 Sixth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101-1946. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
DAVID E. HAUSFELD
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La Mesa is recycling Christmas trees

Area residents will again have the chance to recycle their Christmas trees into mulch thanks to the City of La Mesa.

"Our citizens are anxious to do what they can to help preserve our environment and this is one small and easy step toward that goal," said Art Madrid, Mayor of the City of La Mesa.

The City of La Mesa Christmas Tree Recycling Program will start Thursday, Dec. 26, and run through Saturday, Jan. 4. Residents may leave their trees at MacArthur Park in the parking lot of the Little League Field, located at University and Memorial Drive, near the La Mesa Community Center.

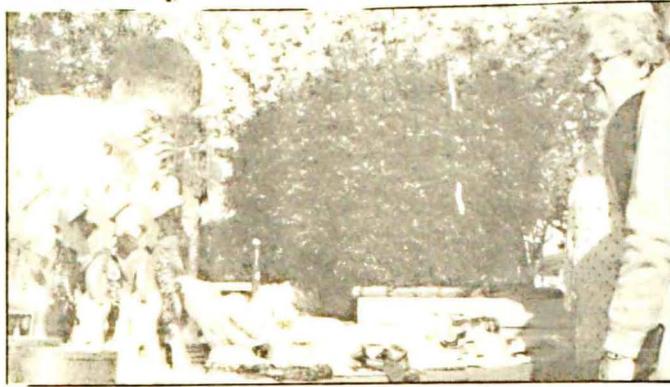
To be recycled, the trees must have all metal parts removed, including tinsel, nails, stands, and ornament hangers.

On Saturday, Jan. 4, the trees will be ground into a wood chip mulch, creating something useful out of trees that otherwise would be sent to the landfill. The wood chip mulch created from the trees will be given away free to residents who come to pick it up between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. that day.

The chip mulch is excellent as a water-retaining ground cover (after composting), according to David Laslo, who works on the maintenance of La Mesa parks. "It keeps weeds down and moisture in," Laslo said. "We use a two-inch layer wherever we have a drip system."

EDCO Disposal is helping provide this extra service that not only helps our residents, but also helps keep landfill costs down, and does something good for the environment," said Mayor Madrid.

Country Hills draws shoppers



Eunice Williams of Country Hills Residential Retirement Center (at left) shows shoppers some of the interesting items to be found at the home's Dec. 14 yard sale, which also featured a live band.

Seasonal safety tips can help keep the holidays happy

The holidays are upon us once again, a hectic, happy time full of special activities and traditional seasonal celebrations. But according to safety expert Loyd Warnick, the holidays are also a time of increased risk for you and your family.

"Every single one of us is involved in safety continuously," says Warnick, "but during the holidays, people tend to be in a hurry, tired, and more distracted than usual. That's when accidents happen." Warnick is an executive specializing in risk management for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Safeguard your home and your family by being aware of potential hazards this holiday season. Warnick gives the following tips to help you enjoy the festivities safely.

Keep children safe:

• Be sure to keep gift wrapping and holiday decorations away from small children. Ornaments that are breakable or which have small detachable parts are especially hazardous. Children may be tempted to eat decorative items which look like candy or food.

• Some holiday plants are poisonous if chewed or swallowed. Make sure children can't reach holly berries, mistletoe, Jerusalem cherry or amaryllis. Even fallen pine needles can cause choking if chewed or swallowed.

• Inspect toys carefully. Pay special attention to any manufacturers' age recommendations. Toys which come apart easily or which have small removable parts can present a choking hazard to small children.

• Keep small "button-sized" batteries away from children. These shiny batteries can be very appealing but are dangerous if swallowed. Children have also been known to push them into their nose or ears.

• Plan a family meeting where regular family safety rules are reinforced and special holiday safety instructions are explained.

Safe Holiday Shopping:

• Keep a low profile when you shop. If you're carrying cash, don't flash it around the mall or parking lot. It's better to carry only the credit cards you'll need for shopping. Leave other valuables, furs or expensive jewelry at home. Don't target yourself as someone worth mugging.

• Pickpockets are extremely active during the holidays when they have a larger selection of victims. Women should keep purses tucked firmly under their

arms. Men should carry their wallets in front or inside pockets.

• Park in well-lighted, high traffic areas close to stores. Always lock your car.

• Be alert when returning to your car; have your keys out and ready. Check the back seat before getting into the car; lock the door immediately. Never let a stranger into your car.

• Pay attention. If you see a suspicious person in the parking lot or around the mall, take extra precautions. Look for a policeman or store security. Be aware of your surroundings. Don't take chances.

Safeguard Your Home:

• Burglars look forward to the holiday season when many people are away from home for extended periods of time shopping, partying, visiting family, or on vacation. The key to discouraging burglars is to make your home look occupied at all times.

• Use automatic devices to turn on the TV, radio, or lamps in different areas of the house.

• Don't tempt thieves by advertising what you have. Keep expensive items such as computers, stereos, and compact disc players where they can't be seen from a window. It's not wise to leave piles of holiday gifts in plain sight either.

• Use the locks that you already have. When you leave home, make sure all doors and windows are locked securely. Consider replacing easily jimmied locks with strong deadbolts. Adding extra locks can make a house look hard to enter.

• If you'll be away from home for a week or more, stop mail and newspaper deliveries so they won't pile up and signal thieves you're away. Have a trusted friend, relative or neighbor check on your home every few days. Arrange to have your sidewalks shoveled or grass mowed regularly, as you would if you were home.

• If you'll only be away a day or two, ask someone you trust to pick up your mail and keep an eye on your property.

Christmas Tree Cautions:

• Buy as fresh a tree as possible, or if buying an artificial tree, look for a "fire resistant" one.

• Be sure your tree is properly anchored in a secure stand so it won't tip over.

• Check the water containers daily, refill frequently.

• Keep the tree away from heat sources: radiators, stoves, heat vents, or from open flames such

as fireplaces, candles, or cigarettes.

• Carefully check Christmas tree lights. Discard any light strings which are worn or damaged. For outdoor decoration, use only lights which are made especially for that purpose.

• When the tree stops absorbing water from the stand, it's time to discard it. A dry tree catches fire easily and burns rapidly.

• Never leave tree or other decorative lights on when you leave the house, even for short period of time.

Seasonal Fire Safety:

• Never burn gift wrapping or Christmas greenery in the fireplace.

• Use flame resistant decorations around your house and on your tree.

• If using lighted candles, be extra cautious and never leave them burning unattended.

• Limit use of extension cords and take care not to overload them. Always unplug them when not in use.

• Before leaving the house or going to bed, carefully check through your home to make sure all lights and appliances are turned off.

• Keep a fire extinguisher in your home and see that your family knows how to use it. Make sure your smoke alarm has fresh batteries and is working properly.

Drive Carefully; Arrive Safely:

• During the busy holiday sea-

son, sometimes regular car maintenance is forgotten. Have your car serviced regularly. Pay special attention to tires, windshield wipers, brakes, battery.

• Streets and highways can be more congested over the holidays. It pays to relax and slow down. A safe arrival is worth the extra time.

• Remember to drive defensively. Look out for the other guy.

• Always fasten your seat belt and make sure all your passengers do, too.

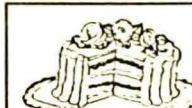
• Never drive if you've been drinking, or taking medications

that impair your responses.

• In a cold climate, be prepared for unexpected weather and poor road conditions. Pack your trunk with sand or salt, a shovel, chains, blankets, a flashlight, flares and other emergency gear. Don't forget warm coats, boots and gloves for all vehicle occupants.

"You can't always eliminate all the risks," says Warnick, "so you've got to use good judgment and be alert. Safety is really just common sense."

With a little foresight and some added precautions, your holidays can be happy and safe.



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